

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A shoe, comprising:

an upper;

an insole enclosed by the upper, the insole being a single piece layer of the shoe, the insole having a forward toe section and a rear heel section;

an outsole supporting the insole, the outsole having a planar support surface directly supporting the forward toe section and the rear heel section of the insole, the outsole having a planar walking surface;

wherein the rear heel section of the insole has a surface closer to the planar walking surface of the outsole than a surface of the forward toe section of the insole to place a wearer's foot in a position where the wearer's heel is closer to a walking surface than the wearer's toes during normal wearing conditions;

wherein the forward toe section of the insole has a substantially constant thickness from a forward periphery edge of the shoe to the rear heel section, the rear heel section of the insole having a decreasing thickness from the forward toe section of the insole to a rear periphery edge of the shoe, wherein the rear heel section of the insole and the forward toe section of the insole meet at a point substantially halfway with respect to the upper surface.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Canceled).

4. (Canceled).

5. (Previously Presented) The shoe of Claim 1, wherein the rear heel section of the insole and the forward toe section of the insole have a same thickness at the point where the rear heel section of the insole and the forward toe section of the insole meet.

6. (Withdrawn and Previously Presented) The shoe of Claim 1, wherein the forward toe section of the insole and the rear heel section of the insole are separated by a cavity.

7. (Withdrawn and Previously Presented) The shoe of Claim 1, wherein the forward toe section of the insole extends short of a forward periphery edge of the shoe.

8. (Previously Presented) The shoe of Claim 1, further comprising:

one or more midsoles between the insole and the outsole.

9. (Withdrawn) The shoe of Claim 8, wherein the midsoles allow the insole to maintain a position of the wearer's heel to be closer to the walking surface than the wearer's toes.

10. (Canceled).

11. (Previously Presented) A shoe, comprising:

an upper;

an insole under the upper, the insole being a single piece layer of the shoe, the insole having a forward toe section and a rear heel section, the insole being configured with a constantly thick forward toe section and a decreasingly thick rear heel section;

an outsole under the insole, the outsole having a planar support surface directly supporting the forward toe section of the insole and the rear heel section of the insole, the outsole having and a planar walking surface;

wherein the rear heel section of the insole has a surface closer to the planar walking surface of the outsole than a surface of the forward toe section of the insole to place a wearer's foot in a dorsiflexion position, wherein the constantly thick forward toe section of the insole and the decreasingly thick rear heel section of the insole meet at a point substantially halfway with respect to the outsole.

12. (Canceled).

13. (Canceled).

14. (Previously Presented) The shoe of Claim 13, further comprising:

one or more midsoles between the insole and the outsole.

15. (Previously Presented) The shoe of Claim 11, wherein the insole is removable.

16. (Previously Presented) A shoe, comprising:

an upper;

an insole enclosed by the upper, the insole being a single piece layer of the shoe, the insole having a forward toe section and a rear heel section;

a midsole separating the outsole from the forward toe section of the insole and the rear heel section of the insole;

an outsole supporting the midsole and the insole, the outsole having a planar support surface supporting the midsole and the insole, the outsole having a planar walking surface, wherein the rear heel section of the insole has a surface closer to the planar walking surface of the outsole than a surface of the forward toe section of the insole to place a wearer's foot in a position where the wearer's heel is closer to a walking surface than the wearer's toes during normal wearing conditions;

wherein the forward toe section of the insole has a substantially constant thickness from a forward periphery edge of the shoe to the rear heel section of the insole, the rear heel section of the insole having a decreasing thickness from the forward toe section of the insole to a rear periphery edge of the shoe, wherein the rear heel section of the insole and the forward toe section of the insole meet at a point substantially halfway with respect to the outsole.

17. (Canceled).

18. (Canceled).

19. (Previously Presented) The shoe of Claim 16, wherein the rear heel section of the insole and the forward toe section of the insole have a same thickness at the point where the rear heel section of the insole and the forward toe section of the insole meet.

20. (Previously Presented) The shoe of Claim 16, wherein the midsole has substantially planar upper and lower surfaces.